1	2	3	4
	Disability Cases:		
(a)	Ex-Gratia from National Defence Fund	3.00-6.00	Nil
(b)	Dwelling Unit	2.00	Nil
(c)	Children's Education	2.00	Nil
	TOTAL	Rs. 10 to 13 Lacs	

The compensation package for the martyrs and wounded after the Kargil (Operation Vijay) operations were evolved shortly after the event and specifically for the particular operation as it was one major war like event. The existing package at that time being without covering other aspects listed above, required the enhancement.

Opening of Siachen to tourists

496. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plans for opening of 'Siachen' to tourists;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the influx of tourists to 'Siachen' will adversely affect the ongoing peace talks with the neighbouring countries;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by when Government proposes to open the area for tourists?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (e) The area mentioned in the question falls within the State of Jammu and Kashmir which is an integral part of India. Trekking expedition have been taking place in the area subject to appropriate clearance.

In September 2007, the Government of Pakistan protested against the trekking expeditions in the Siachen area expressing their deep concern over the media report in this regard and stating that Siachen issue is being discussed within the framework of the Composite Dialogue.

Suitable reply was given to Government of Pakistan clarifying that trekking expeditions have been taking place in the past and India does not see how these will have an adverse impact on the dialogue process.

CAG's Report on procurement of bullet proof vehicles

497. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Comptroller and Auditor General in its report (March, 2007) has pointed out that Ministry of Defence "procured 200 bullet proof vehicles, worth Rs. 31.64 crore in July, 2005 from a private firm which were reported defective by users";